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Dear Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng,

My wife and I are adding our strong objection to that of many others to the onshore siting of infrastructure for SPR's two applications, East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two.

We fully support the offshore location and construction of these wind projects to build up the UK's sustainable and renewable power generation. However, there is absolutely no reason to site the sub-station infrastructure in such a rural area of outstanding beauty, and threatening a very fragile eco structure. The technology exists to create an offshore ring main connecting all of the offshore wind farms, that can then be connected to the National Grid utilising existing under-utilised industrial land, such as along the North shore of the Thames Estuary.

We are also very concerned by the lack of independence in the way the existing surveys have been carried out. Even much more serious is the proven fact that SPR is using compulsory purchase powers to gag landowners on progressing their personal objections. We think if the national media was to become aware of such underhand tactics by SPR, the government would be forced to answer publicly some very serious questions. In particular it would have to address how national power policy is being implemented by private companies in such a disingenuous manner without any overall joined-up strategy for such a critically important national resource.

To this extent we're pleased that your BEIS department is carrying out a detailed review. But it's also a disgrace that SPR is doing everything possible to avoid being part of this.

We therefore encourage you as the BEIS Secretary to take the widespread local opposition very seriously. This should include implementing statutory powers to hold up this onshore infrastructure plan until you have completed your full independent examination of all the consequences and alternative solutions. The Prime Minister himself is on record that implementing the government's policy of sustainable green energy should not be at the cost of environmental degradation.

Kind regards
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